LEARN TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION

In this book I will share parts of the Holy Book of the Christian religion, called the Bible. Holy means sacred and dedicated or consecrated to God. There are 66 books in the Holy Bible that were authored by different men over the course of 3000 years. Each book has chapters and, in each chapter, sections of text are separated by numbered verses. In this book, I will share a book name and then the chapter and verse numbers. You do not need to know the Bible to study this book.

This book is a manual to be studied in order to make it easier to learn to hear the voice of God. You do not need to be a Christian to use this book with success. If you are a Christian then the Bible verses will be more familiar to you. These guidelines would be of interest to those who are involved in self-improvement, religion, spirituality, New Age, and anyone seeking God our Creator.

The book is short and gets right to the point in each section and so that is why I advise all readers to consider reading this book more than once. There are insights and

revelations in this book that are unique and will jumpstart your relationship with God. You will learn what your rights are in His system. He will respond to you because I teach you how to approach God. That statement is as close as I can get to making a guarantee. Of course, your results may vary.

Learn to Hear the Voice of God features three easy exercises that you can do to advance your relationship with God to the point where you can hear His voice clearly and with certainty. Let us just say that God has put His stamp of approval on this Guide because He also desires to speak to you and take care of your every need.

This guide will help you position yourself to where you know what the promises of God are, and you know what you need to do to be blessed in every area of your life. More importantly you will find yourself being called Righteous in God's eyes because He will help you live a righteous lifestyle. The ultimate goal is to be called a "friend" of God!

Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James was quoting from Isaiah 41.

Isa 41:8 But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

Jesus said:

Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

The commands Jesus is talking about are not the ten commandments or the law. He is talking about the things He says to you in your daily life and this book will help you to hear Him. Imagine, Jesus calling you, His friend?! Do not worry, because I will tell you what you need to know about Jesus starting in Chapter one.

So, please enjoy the book and may you ever hear God's Voice!

CHAPTER ONE - SOME INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS

MEETING WITH ABRAHAM

Who is Jesus? To understand who Jesus is we must go back further in time to a man named Abraham. Abraham learned how to hear the Voice of God, just like we will learn to hear God from reading this book. Originally Abraham was known as Abram and years later his name was changed to Abraham.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him;

Here we see from the Bible's book called Genesis, and in chapter 12 and in verses 1 and 4, that Abram was able to hear God's voice. Please notice that Abraham heard God and then he obeyed what God asked him to do. Abraham shows us two things that are the most important in our relationship with God: Faith and Obedience.

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

The dictionary tells us that faith is complete trust or confidence in someone or something. We all practice faith every day. When you are driving you have faith that the other driver will stop at a red light and that you can proceed safely through your green light. Please stop and think of other ways that we use faith in our everyday lives. We live in a faith-based creation.

<u>Heb 11:1</u> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The Bible defines faith as a substance, which is real physical matter, and so that matter is the substance of our hope. Also, faith is the evidence of a reality even though we may not see it. A good example is the air that we breathe. We cannot see the oxygen molecules but we have faith that they are present. Our faith, then, becomes the substance of our hope and the evidence that the oxygen will be there when we breathe.

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him:* for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

RELATIONSHIP WITH FATHER GOD

The first step in building a relationship with Father God is to have the faith that He exists. We must believe in God. When we seek God, He blesses us with good things.

The second step in building a relationship with Father God, that Abraham shows us, is

obedience. As we learn to hear God's voice, just like Abraham did, then we will hear His advice on decisions that we have to make. At that point we can choose to obey God's guidance or not. If we obey God's commandments that He gives to us personally, then our lives will be blessed.

Abraham teaches us that faith and obedience pleases God. Why do we want to please God? Just as we do with a human father, we children want our behavior to please Father God because it makes Him happy and proud of us. Father God does everything for us, He gives us life and all good things come from God. In return for His blessings then, we should give Him our desire to make right decisions.

GOD'S ETERNAL CONTRACT WITH ABRAHAM

Next, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham. A covenant is an agreement between two people where each person promises to do something that is good for the other person. A covenant establishes a bond between two people. An example of a covenant would be a marriage contract.

God promises Abraham that even in his and Sarah's old age he would have a seed, which turned out to be his son Isaac. God also promised that Abraham would be famous and a blessing to all nations. He promised land for Abraham' descendants. For his part Abraham had to continue to believe God and obey His commands and teach his children and grandchildren to do the same. So, we have promises of God through faith and we must listen to God's guidance and obey Him.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him;

The promises were repeated to Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob whose name was changed to Israel. Israel's twelve sons fathered the twelve tribes of the nation, Israel.

BEING MADE RIGHTEOUS BY GOD

Due to his faith and obedience, Abraham was considered "righteous" by Father God. *Righteousness* can be defined as "the condition of being acceptable to God as made possible by God." God's standard is what defines true righteousness; His power is what enables it. Unless God is its author, we will never possess righteousness. No amount of man-made effort will result in righteousness. To be righteous is to be right with God. A heart that is right with God results in a life that bears "fruit".

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

God produced a righteous standing with Abraham so that God would forgive Abraham's mistakes and correct him so that he would live a good and blessed life. The same is true for us today! We can also bear the fruit of the Spirit if we have faith in God and obey what He tells us.

Sometimes we substitute true righteousness with self-righteousness. Self-righteousness is the opposite of what God desires. Self-righteousness makes a list of rules and obeys that list. No one is justified, or made righteous, by keeping rules but instead by the faith that enables us to obey God. Only God can make us righteous.

Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith:

Being prideful about keeping self-made rules does not result in right living. Being full of faith in God and listening to Him to learn from Him and obey Him is what brings right living and blessings from God.

JESUS IS THE PROMISED SEED OF ABRAHAM

Now, the Bible tells us that the promised seed referred not only to Isaac but also to Jesus who was born of the family of Israel in the city of Nazareth, around 2000 years ago. Jesus is known as the Christ or Messiah which means the anointed one. Anointed means to be rubbed by oil and set apart for use by God. Jesus was anointed by God and that is why He is known as Jesus Christ.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

THE COVENANT OF ABRAHAM VERSUS THE LAW OF MOSES

Jesus Christ is the ultimate seed of the promise to Abraham. The giving of the law to Moses came years later and it does not annul the promises to Abraham. Keeping the rules of the law does not give us the inheritance of the promises because righteousness is by faith and obedience which is what Abraham did to receive the promises. You see, God gave

written laws to Israel so that everyone would understand God's standard of right living. God knew that people could not keep to the laws by their own strength. So, God established the standard and then God sent His Son, Jesus, to show us the right way to live by that standard; which Jesus did by living by faith and obedience to God.

JESUS OBEYED GOD'S VOICE PERFECTLY

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

The Bible tells us that Jesus did what the Father showed him and spoke what the Father said to him. Jesus, Himself, is the Word of God, in the Spirit and Jesus came to us as a man to show us all how to live right. Jesus came to CONFIRM the covenant with Abraham which re-connects us to Father God again, so that we can hear God, obey Him and live righteously.

Jesus had a ministry of teaching and preaching for three years. He claimed to be the Son of God. You can read His words to us in the four books in the Bible called the Gospel, which means the "Good News". The coming of Jesus was predicted in the Bible writings, called Scriptures, many years before His birth. He was born of a virgin named Mary so that Jesus had no earthly father. Because of His virgin birth, Jesus was both man and God. He started His ministry at age 30 and the Holy Spirit of God came upon Him when He was baptized in water by His cousin John the Baptist. Once Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit of God, He obeyed the guidance of the Spirit for the rest of His life.

Jesus obeyed God throughout His ministry. Even when God's guidance led Him to be accused by the religious leaders of His time, who called for His death, Jesus still

obeyed God even when it led Him to be executed by them together with the political power of Rome. The key here is that although Jesus had the power of God working in Him and He could have stopped His enemies, He went to die by the will of God because after three days Jesus was the only man to be raised from the dead back to life by God. It is this resurrection from the dead by Jesus that gives us all hope that God will raise us also and that we will have eternal life together with Father God.

ASKING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

What can we learn from the life of Jesus? Jesus claimed to be the Truth, Life and only Way back to Father God. If we believe and put our faith in Jesus then God forgives our mistakes and gives us His Holy Spirit to live within us and guide our lives. All we have to do is believe in Jesus and ask God to give us His Holy Spirit.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Jesus tells us here that God will give us the Holy Spirit as a Comforter who will guide us into all truth and live within us forever. God knows that we need help to live right and so the Holy Spirit speaks to us to help us make right decisions. I will teach more about the work of the Holy Spirit living in us, in later chapters.

IN CHRIST WE ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be

Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise". Galatians 3:26-29

So, as you can see, when we believe in Jesus we become heirs of the promises to Abraham. By our faith and obedience, we can live good lives filled with right decisions and the blessings of Father God.

HEARING AND OBEYING GOD'S VOICE

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Every person who listens to Father God and learns from Him will come to Jesus automatically. These verses mean that there are people who have never heard of Jesus but

they are still listening to and obeying Father God. They too will be raised from the dead on the last day. I will teach you more from these two verses later on.

CHAPTER TWO – SOME INFORMATION ABOUT ME

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Hello. My name is Glenda Stocks. I am 59 years old and was born on January 19, 1959. I am an American Negro because my ancestors are from America, not Africa. I have never been married, nor have I had any children. I have always lived with five people in my family: my grandmother Edna, my mother Shirley, and my two uncles David and Louis. Shirley, David, Louis and I never married. Edna passed away in 2008 at the age of 92 from natural causes. As a family we have stayed to ourselves. We grew up as typical Americans and did not adopt African-American culture.

I was born and raised near around the city of Boston in the state of Massachusetts which is in the area called New England, and is in the northeast corner of the United States. I attended one of the best college prep schools for six years at Girls' Latin School, and graduated in 1976. I then went to college at Northeastern University for four years,

studying Electrical Engineering and Business Marketing.

In 1979 when my great grandfather passed away, my grandmother Edna took me and my mother Shirley to a local church to say prayers for him. It was then that I became interested and started reading the Bible. We joined the church for about a year. I decided to become a Christian and to follow Jesus at the age of twenty.

SPIRIT IN THE SKY LED ME TO JESUS

It was only years ago that I remembered that I actually believed in Jesus when I was a little girl. I had heard a popular song on the radio called "Spirit in the Sky". I remember that day clearly, and because of the words of the song, I know that I believed in Jesus for the first time, back then, in 1969, at the age of ten years old. It is important that I share the lyrics with you. You may also listen to it on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZQxH_8raCI

Spirit in the Sky

Norman Greenbaum

When I die and they lay me to rest
Gonna go to the place that's the best
When I lay me down to die
Goin' up to the spirit in the sky
Goin' up to the spirit in the sky
That's where I'm gonna go when I die
When I die and they lay me to rest
Gonna go to the place that's the best

Prepare yourself you know it's a must
Gotta have a friend in Jesus
So you know that when you die
He's gonna recommend you
To the spirit in the sky
Gonna recommend you
To the spirit in the sky
That's where you're gonna go when you die
When you die and they lay you to rest
You're gonna go to the place that's the best

Never been a sinner I never sinned
I got a friend in Jesus
So you know that when I die
He's gonna set me up with
The spirit in the sky
Oh set me up with the spirit in the sky

That's where I'm gonna go when I die
When I die and they lay me to rest
I'm gonna go to the place that's the best
Go to the place that's the best

I understood what he was singing and I just believed in Jesus at that time, as a ten-year-old girl.

FATHER GOD TEACHES ME

Throughout my adult life I have experienced Father God teaching me, Himself. Please see what Jesus said in the book of John in the Holy Bible:

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

These two verses from the Bible describe what happened to me. I did not go back to a church. This verse says that Jesus promises to receive you if you hear His Father's voice and learn from listening to God. This promise explains how people who have never heard of Jesus nor have they read the Bible but yet they still come to Jesus and obtain salvation.

Salvation is much more than just living forever with God after we die. When we "salvage" something we take it from the garbage heap and restore it back to a useful life. Salvation leads to a life that is whole again and full of peace, joy, and nothing lacking. By listening to God's voice and coming to Jesus, we are meant to live a life full of wonder even before we die. Jesus promises to lift us up at the last day. The "lifting up" is called resurrection. Resurrection here means when the last day of living on Earth comes, Jesus will give us everlasting life in a new indestructible body.

We are meant to hear the voice of Father God. God draws us to Him and then teaches us how to live, Himself. When we obey God's voice then we also come to Jesus. Jesus says in verse 45 above, that all shall be taught by

God Himself. I was drawn to God at age 10 by that song and when the time was right, I then began to hear His voice and obey Him.

JESUS SAID "I WILL"

I did have one particular incident during the time that I was still in college, in the late 1970's. I was driving home on the highway and thinking to myself about all that I would have to do the next semester. I had to work my job and go to school, and I said to myself, "Jesus will help me". While I was saying those words, when I got to the word "help", I heard Jesus say in my mind, "I will" before I said the word, "me". So, at that moment I knew for certain that Jesus was real and alive and that I could hear His voice in my mind.

BBS MESSAGES BEFORE THE INTERNET

As a teenager and into my early twenties, I taught myself how to program an ATARI computer, both in BASIC language and in assembly language. I was writing game programs. One day a friend told me that if I go online that I could find games. There was no

internet at that time, but people used modems to connect their computers online. A modem is a small device that calls a telephone number and connects your computer to another person's computer which is running software to allow you to read messages and download files from their computer. The program that you login on is called a Bulletin Board System (BBS). I began to call BBS systems and read and post messages on their message bases. I found myself defending my faith in Jesus in a hostile atmosphere toward Christianity. I decided to run my own BBS and make my message bases welcome discussion about spirituality.

In those days of the early 1980's there were BBS networks that would send bundles of message base discussions to each other. These files were called ECHOMAIL. People would read and post messages and then once per day the BBS owner would bundle all the new messages into a file and transmit it to an Echomail hub system, which then sent them to everyone in the network. I created my own network called SEARCHNET and made several message bases on it with different topics on spirituality, politics, and conspiracy. SearchNet was known for allowing people to

express their opinions about a subject without being attacked by other people. At that time my nickname was ladynada.

TEACHING ON MESSAGE FORUMS

As soon as the internet came, I transferred my echomail message bases into a mailing list. A mailing list has many people subscribe to it with their email addresses and each person gets every new message posted. It was at that time in the late 1980's and early 1990's that I began cross posting messages to internet Usenet groups. Cross posting is taking one message and posting it to several different discussion groups. I became well known and earned a title of "Net Kook", which was an honor for me. I was sharing other people's messages and I did not add my own opinion to the messages.

Internet Usenet groups began to die down so I began to post my own messages on internet message forums. In 2006 I began to post on one large forum under the nickname Me114. Most of my posts were about my faith in Jesus and Father God. I used the forum to teach people things that I was learning about my relationship with God. When Facebook and

Twitter came out, I also posted my teachings on their social media platforms. I went by the nickname heartdaughter.

FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD

I love to teach understandings based on the Holy Bible and Holy Spirit revelation. A few years ago, I wrote a three-part series of messages on "How to hear the voice of God". I posted it to several places. And now the idea to make it into a book is what you are reading. I have always wanted to be a writer since I was a little girl. I could not let all these decades of knowing God and hearing His voice, go to waste without sharing what I have learned. I want people to know that it is totally "normal" to be able to hear God. He also takes care of us like a loving Father. It was many years ago when I saw how God was taking care of me and my family, that I fell in love with God. Before that time, I had faith to believe in Him and I reverenced him. My hope in writing this book is that readers will learn to hear His voice and will also fall in love with Father God.

CHAPTER THREE – APPROACH GOD WITH FAITH

JESUS HEARD GOD'S VOICE

The next chapters of this book will cover three parts.

- **Proofs that God speaks to people and that His words can be communicated to others.**
- **How to approach God so that you are made ready to hear His Voice.**
- **Practical steps to practice hearing God's Voice.**

I will use verses from the Bible to indicate that God speaks to people. It is very important in these times to be able to communicate with God for help in making decisions in our lives. We need to be able to understand clearly what God is saying, enough to speak it out to others in our own language.

First of all, let us start with the expert at hearing God, Jesus Himself, who spoke the Father's Words, Perfectly.

Joh 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Jesus is famous for performing miracles and in verse 10 above He gives Father God credit for doing the mighty works through Jesus. The Father spoke to Jesus and then Jesus REPEATED what He heard the Father say. In other words, Jesus had a *conversation* with the Father and then Jesus spoke what the Father said.

Joh 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

Here we have undeniable proof that those of us who are born-again believers, are of God, and that we *can* hear God's Words. And if we hear God's Words, then we can communicate those Words to others. How do we become "of God" so that we can hear His words? What does it mean to become "born again"? How do we approach God so that we can hear Him?

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him:* for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The very first thing you need is FAITH. You must believe that God exists. God in this context is the Creator of all things and the uncreated One; there exists no other god beside Him. Once you have the faith that God exists, then you also need to believe that He will answer you if you seek Him diligently. Diligently means to be in constant effort to accomplish something. Therefore, if you want to hear God's Voice, then you need to keep praying to Him, "God, I want to learn to hear Your Voice."

And regarding the FAITH that you need, please take note:

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

So, you see God even gives you the measure of faith that you need, to believe that He exists.

GOD IS A PERSON WHO IS HOLY

The next major point that you need to understand is that God is a "Person".

Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

See here, that the God of Jesus, is our Father and a father is a person. God is not an unknowable force of energy, nor is He a disinterested one consciousness with no personality. Besides having faith in God, we need to embrace Him as a loving Father who cares for His children and desires one on one relationship with us.

Next, we need to be made ready to approach God. We have the faith that He

exists. Now we need to know that God is Holy.

Definition:

Holy

1.

having a spiritually pure quality:

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1.

inspiring fear, awe, or grave distress:

We will use these two definitions from Dictionary.com. God is spiritually PURE; He has no taint in Him, no imperfection or flaw. He is sacred. Also, He inspires fear, in the form of awe. And last, He and His presence might provoke in you, grave distress because you are unclean in His Presence; His holiness would consume you.

Here are several verses to ponder:

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Pro 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; (Ancient prediction of the coming of Jesus)

To fear God is to give Him reverence, which doing so, is a wise thing to do, and which reverence gives you understanding. Also, you become humble in God's presence.

So, to recap, you need faith that God exists, you need to consider God as a Person, and you need to revere God which gives you wisdom, understanding and humility.

WHAT DOES BORN-AGAIN MEAN?

Now, how do we become born-again? Let us look at exactly what Jesus says on this topic to a man who was a teacher of the law, and asked the same question:

Joh 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Joh 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Jesus said that we must be born of water and of spirit. We must be human, born of the water in our mother's womb. And then our spirit must be reborn when we decide to have faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit is like the wind that blows according to its will and

we do not know which direction obeying the Spirit will take us. People who are born-again, obey the Holy Spirit and allow it to guide them in any direction that it wills. Being born-again refers to a change of heart—from indifference or hostility toward God to a love for Him and a desire to live out His best for us.

But how does it happen?

WHAT IS SIN?

First, we have to understand our current human condition. There's a problem we all face, and Jesus said it begins in our hearts. The problem is something called sin, which means to miss the mark—to fail to do what we ought to do. The perfect will of God for us at any moment is the center bulls-eye on a target. When we decide to do what we want instead of what God wants, then our actions and thoughts are like shooting an arrow and missing the center of the target. Missing the perfection is sin. The essence of sin is self-reliance and self-exaltation. Relying on your own choices and rules for living and then raising yourself through

pride to someone of importance, is exactly what sin is.

Jesus was telling Nicodemus that no matter what good he did on the outside, he needed changing on the inside. That can only happen through a supernatural act of God when His Holy Spirit convicts us of wrongdoing and brings new life to our very souls.

So, what do *we* need to do?

First, we must admit our sin—that we can't live up to God's perfect standard on our own. Then we must ask forgiveness for that sin and repent, which means to make every effort in turning away from that sin. Finally, we ask Jesus to be part of our lives.

When those things happen then God's Spirit penetrates our hearts to guide us and help us be more like Him. We become born again.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

2Co 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

FAITH IN JESUS MAKES YOU CLEAN

Jesus lived a perfectly obedient life, even to the point of allowing Himself to be put to death so that He was raised up and defeated death for us all. When we put our trust in Jesus then He erases all our sins and mistakes and makes us clean so that we can have a born-again relationship with Father God. From then on, God gives us a new purpose and new goals for living. We no longer live for ourselves but we live for Him. We give God credit for all the good things that we do because, like Jesus, we know that God is the one doing the good works through us.

Now that we know what it means to be born-again now your next step is to remedy

your uncleanness before God. You have been made unclean by your sins or imperfection. God the Father provided the remedy in that His perfect Son died for your sins and by His blood you have been made clean, pure, holy and righteous in God's eyes. All you have to do is believe in your heart what Jesus did for you, confess it before men, and devote the rest of your life to obedience to God. If you take these steps then you will receive God's Holy Spirit to dwell in you and give you power to stay clean; and teach you how not to sin.

See here in the book of Acts, after the Holy Spirit came, Peter preached to the people gathered there:

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified (put to death), both Lord and Christ.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Repent means to change your mind about the sinful and less than perfect way that you have been living. You should desire to be baptized as an outward showing of an inward change, to both yourself and witnesses. And then you should ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

About the Holy Spirit:

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Joh 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Joh 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

The Holy Spirit will live inside of us and speak to us of things that it hears from Jesus. The Holy Spirit will guide our lives into all truth. Here is the sure promise from God that the Holy Spirit will guide you the rest of your life:

WALK AFTER THE SPIRIT WITH A RENEWED MIND

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We will be studying about the "carnal mind" in a later chapter. So, to summarize, in order to be made ready to approach God, you must be saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit. At that point you will no longer feel shame and condemnation before God for your sins. Your sins are wiped clean and you can come boldly to God's throne of Grace.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Mat 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

NOW THAT WE ARE CLEAN WE LIVE A GOOD LIFE

So now that you are clean, you can ask God to help you and you will obtain mercy and receive whatever you ask for in prayer. What is the purpose of all this information about becoming born-again and clean before Father God? For those people who have a desire to live right, we need to know what sin is and that sin is a problem for all people, and Jesus erases and forgives us of all sin. No other religion removes the sin that keeps us separated from God. We are also informed to ask for God's Holy Spirit to

come live within us and teach and guide us according to God's will for our lives. Finally, if we live a life of obedience to God, then we will be blessed by God and have eternal life after we die.

CHAPTER 4 – PROOFS THAT GOD SPEAKS TO US

GOD CAN SPEAK THROUGH US

Please now, let us get back to proofs that God speaks to people and that His words can be communicated to others. Jesus Himself spoke the Father's Words, Perfectly.

Joh 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Okay now, since we are born-again believers, we also have the Father dwelling within us. Therefore, we are candidates to be able to speak the Father's Words (and do His Works).

Now let us look at this 'speaking' more closely.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Jesus had promised and did send the Holy Spirit upon His followers fifty days after His resurrection from the dead. They were gathered together in an upper room and when the Holy Spirit came upon them, they spoke in other languages which the foreigners in the city could understand.

This word utterance here is in the Greek:

apophtheggomai

to *enunciate* ***plainly*, that is, *declare:* - say, speak forth, utterance.**

So, you see here that they spoke plainly, the hearers understood what they were saying. Here is another example of the use of "utterance".

Eph 6:19 And (pray) for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Here, the word utterance is translated from the Greek word "Logos" which word is often used to refer to Jesus as the Logos or Word of God. We are entitled to and have the right as born-again believers to hear the logos of God and utter the words to others.

GOD SPOKE TO THE PROPHETS IN ANCIENT TIMES

The Holy Bible is made up of the Old and the New testament. The old testament are the scripture writings before the time of Jesus. The new testament is from the time of Jesus to about 100 AD. God spoke to the prophets in the old testament. A prophet is

a person who hears God and then tells people what God has said, and especially about the future. God often gives us predictions by speaking to the Prophets.

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

So, we see that God 'spake' in the past by having the Holy Spirit to <u>come upon</u> the prophets. At that time the Holy Spirit did not stay on the person like it can for us today. Today, we can have the Holy Spirit indwell us permanently.

Act 7:38 This is he (Moses), that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

This word 'oracles' in the Greek is logion which means utterance. So there again we have the utterance of God, or His Logos, His Word.

Rom 3:1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

Rom 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

The Bible is teaching us here that the Holy Scriptures themselves are oracles or utterances from God to a 'person', that were written down, for us to learn what God has

said. The nation of Israel is blessed to have recorded and preserved these scriptures for us today.

GOD STILL SPEAKS TO US TODAY

Finally, to speak for God, can also be a 'gift'.

1Pe 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

We know that right there is the key, do the words spoken as if from God, do they Glorify God through Jesus Christ? And of course,

do they line up with God's written Word? However, remember that Jesus said He had more to teach, but man was not ready yet, so that the Holy Spirit shall teach man and guide him into ALL truth. Therefore, God is still speaking more truth and especially truth that is relevant to our times today. God did not stop speaking after the Bible's last page. He still speaks to us today.

Joh 16:12 I have <u>yet many things</u> to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, <u>he will guide you into all truth</u>: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and <u>he will shew you things to come</u>.

THUS SAITH THE LORD

So now, of course when we read the Old Testament prophets we hear them often saying "Thus saith the Lord".

Isa 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Jdg 6:7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,

Jdg 6:8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

So, what we are seeing here is that God's spirit would come upon a prophet and the prophet would speak God's Words. We, today, have God's Spirit dwelling within us, His Holy Spirit, so that we too may speak His Words, according to His Will.

As born-again believers in God, we have the power to hear within us and therefore speak out to one another, the utterance (logos) or oracles of God. The Father wants

us to know when we hear Him and wants us to be able to speak out His Words to others, in these days, with boldness and certainty.

RECEIVE THE WORD IN YOUR HEART AND HEAR WITH YOUR EARS

Jer 26:1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,

Jer 26:2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

We see here that there must be a process by which Jeremiah heard words from God and was able to speak them, exactly.

Eze 3:10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto

thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

So, the words of God are received in the heart, and heard with the ears. The above two examples must be how Jesus did it! And we can do the same today.

At this point, I have laid a sure foundation that as Children of the Most High God, we have the power and privilege to hear within us and therefore speak out to one another, the utterance (logos) or oracles of God.

CHAPTER 5 – HOW I HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

DO NOT BE DEFILED BY CHANNELINGS

Before I tell you how I hear God, I want to discuss a phenomenon of our modern age; that is called 'channeling'. What does God say about channeling and mediums? Channeling is a modern name for what the Bible calls mediumship or spiritism. A channeler is a mystic who becomes a channel, or receptive agent, for communications coming from the spirit world. What does God say about mediumship?

Leviticus 19:31 NIV. "Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them.

Channeling is a method of trying to communicate with the spirit world that has

existed since antiquity. Most modern channelers learn the art through the practice of Eastern meditation. This mildly altered state of consciousness enables the channeler to psychically perceive spirit messages. These manifests themselves as a "thought voice," which is perceived in the stillness of the medium's mind. Experienced mediums can enter into a trance state whereby the spirit entity takes direct control over the medium's voice, speaking through it in an accent quite distinct from the medium's normal mode of speech.

The medium puts himself into an altered state and opens himself up to nefarious entities to speak their words.

Nefarious

adjective

1.

extremely wicked or villainous; iniquitous:

Because the spirits who respond to the channelers are satanic, channeling is abhorrent to God.

So much for channeling; we do not want that for ourselves. We do not want to open ourselves up to receiving messages from evil spirits. We want to know and understand the legitimate methods for hearing God's Voice and the ability to communicate His Words to others in our own language.

HEAR GOD'S VOICE AS AN UNCTION

Now I will explain to you how I hear God's voice.

How it happens that I hear God the Father's Words are in two ways:

1. **As an unction.**
2. **As an unction that I translate into English words.**

First about the unction.

1Jn 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

An unction for me, is a split-second moment in the which, in my innermost spirit, I receive a kind of impression, which is a communication from the Father, after which I know immediately everything that was conveyed or said. This type of momentary unction can convey paragraphs and paragraphs of understanding. In other words, I could write out just that one momentary unction into several sentences of understanding that I received from the Father.

Let's look at the word 'unction' from the Greek, in the previous verse.

chrisma

an *unguent* or *smearing*, that is, (figuratively) the special *endowment* ("chrism") of the Holy Spirit: - anointing, unction.

So, this unction, is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. And with this unction we have access to know all things. We have a connection with God who can, through the unction of the Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth about a thought, action or situation. An "*unction*" of the Holy Spirit can be experienced as a sudden burst of understanding or insight in regard to a subject or a Bible verse which we have not previously considered. God gives us an insight.

GENTLE PROMPTINGS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT NEVER USE FORCE

How can we know if such an *"unction*" or "*prompting*" and leading are of God or just our own selves? Is there a way for us to know?

The first thing is, that if an "*unction*" is coming from the Holy Spirit it will *never* lead us to do anything which is contrary to what we find revealed in the Holy Bible, the written Word of God. The "*unction"* will always be "*edifying*" and will build up rather than tear down, it will augment rather than diminish a person and will be for the good, it

will challenge our human nature and will be opposed to the thoughts of the carnal mind. Promptings from the Holy Spirit are gentle and never try to force you to obey. You always have the choice to obey or not.

1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth (stays with) in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The anointing or unction teaches you the truth and can tell you of things to come as we read elsewhere when Jesus told His disciples that He had more to tell them. This unction can convey the words of Father God to you and then you can in turn speak them to others.

This is the process by which I have been telling you things that God has told me.

Now.

2. As an unction that I translate into English words.

This method is the one I use the most, to talk to God, all day and all night. It manifests itself as a conversation. Here is how it works. I receive an unction which is God's conversation. I then translate what I received into English. Then I speak it, in His Voice, and hear it with my ears, inside myself. The sound of the voice that I use to say His words to myself is made up by me. This method is used by children while they are playing with toys. A child will hold a toy, such as a stuffed animal, and make it speak by the child using a different voice to represent the toy's voice. I make up a voice that sounds like a man's or father's voice, and I use that voice to translate the unction into English words. Translating the unction into a voice that I make up, is for my convenience of hearing what God has said.

For example, I get an unction. Then I hear it inside, in God's Voice, saying, "I have a

lesson for the people today". Now it is me speaking these words in my heart, but I speak them in His Voice; I believe that is by my choice and His. Next, I say something back directed to Him in response. Then He says something, and so forth and so on.

You too can do this as a Child of the Living God.

It is the same method that Jeremiah and Jesus and we all should use. Simply believe, practice and you will get better and better at it.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PRAY FOR YOU

The Apostle (teacher) Paul gives an example of translating the unction which he calls "tongues".

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

1Co 14:19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also,

than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Here Paul is saying that He hears God and understands and then he can speak by his own voice what he has heard in five words. Paul says to do so, is better than speaking a long barrage of words in an unknown tongue.

Notice below by contrast when speaking in unknown tongues is profitable.

1Co 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

Here he is talking about having a running conversation with God, all in an unknown tongue as he is led by the Spirit. I personally call this kind of conversation with God, as speaking "underneath". I do not

translate what He says into English, but instead we both send each other unctions. This can also happen when you ASK the Holy Spirit to pray FOR YOU.

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: <u>for we know not what we should pray for as we ought</u>: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with <u>groanings which cannot be uttered</u>.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

PRAY FOR INTERPRETATION OF UNKNOWN TONGUES

When we do not even know what to pray then we can ask the Holy Spirit to make

intercession for us in that deep, "underneath" language that we cannot translate into our normal language. Wow! And God will work all things together for our good.

Here below is what happens when you get an unction from God. You pray that you may translate it into the words of your own language so that you may get understanding, conversate with God, and tell others what God has said to you.

1Co 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

I hope this will help us to realize that it is totally normal for a born-again believer to hear God's Voice in his heart and to interpret and share with others.

In summary, we have seen that God does speak to people and then they can share what God has said. We have learned how to be clean before our Holy Father God so that

we need not be ashamed or afraid to approach Him with our prayers and asking for help. We are now ready to learn how to take some practical steps to hearing God's Voice.

PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

I would like to stop for a moment and talk about what happens to us when we seek God fervently. We begin to pursue righteousness.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Jesus says here that we will be filled with righteousness. God does all the work and all we have to do is give Him <u>our desire</u> for right living. We do not want self-righteousness where we make up our own rules and try with our own strength to follow them. The Pharisees of Jesus' day were

masters of self-righteousness, but Jesus had harsh words for them: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean".

We know that we are clean because of our faith in Jesus.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we come to faith in Christ, He gives us the Holy Spirit who empowers us to pursue righteousness. He commands us to

“walk in the Spirit”. Walking in the Spirit means we live a lifestyle of total surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We cultivate the ability to hear God and the habit of obeying His voice in everything. Pursuing righteousness begins when a humble heart seeks the continual presence of God. The humble, believing heart leads to a lifestyle of righteous action acceptable to God.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Now let us move on to three easy exercises that will have us to learn to hear the Voice of God.

CHAPTER 6 – EXERCISE #1 WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS

TEST THOUGHTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

The next chapters will focus on three easy exercises that we can do to learn to hear the voice of God. The first exercise is to watch every one of your thoughts at all times while asking the Holy Spirit to help you.

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity <u>every thought</u> to the obedience of Christ;

You need to test every single thought and allow the Holy Spirit within you to tell you whether that thought was you, God, or the carnal mind.

Back in 2006 and 2007 I went on a personal crusade on the GLP message forum to teach everyone about the carnal mind in man. I posted several message threads on the subject. The idea can be explained by an old Indian proverb:

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil—he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

THE CARNAL MIND IS A THOUGHT PRODUCER

This carnal mind construct is a <u>thought producer</u> that is in every person. The thoughts of the carnal mind are 100% evil and lies. The more we listen to, obey and act upon these thoughts, the more evil and satanic we will become. Only God through His Holy Spirit can fight this demonic mind; we cannot overcome it with our own strength of will or intelligence. This carnal mind was the thorn in Paul's flesh. This carnal mind, is the antichrist in each of us. I will explain more about the carnal mind and antichrist later.

Policing your thought life 24/7 while asking God to help you is how you allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse and purify your soul and consecrate you to God. During the process, you will learn to hear God's Voice clearly as He helps you discern between your voice, His Voice, and the voice of the carnal mind.

THE CARNAL MIND PRETENDS TO BE YOU

To begin, just listen to your thoughts. If you forget, just start again. Be sure to ask God to help you because the carnal mind is crafty and it will try to trick you because it does not want to be found out. The carnal mind is nefarious because it will speak in your mind, in your own voice! It will sound like you are the one thinking the thought. It pretends to be the real you.

As you continue this exercise you will notice yourself have a thought that does not seem to be in accordance with the way you think; it will be out of place like a sore thumb. That moment, especially, is when you should ask God, "Was that me, You, or the carnal mind?" You may not get an answer from God immediately, but I want you to be sure to believe that God is helping you.

Once you finally discover that you do indeed have a carnal mind in you, thinking some of your thoughts, and once you catch it, for sure, it will begin to act up and act out. The carnal mind will behave erratically in you because it knows that you have discovered it for sure. This is the crucial time to ask the Holy Spirit to help you sort your thoughts out. Ask the Holy Spirit to destroy the carnal mind in you.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL DESTROY THE CARNAL MIND FOR YOU

After some time, which is different for everyone, your carnal mind will speak less and less thoughts in your mind. With the help of the Holy Spirit you will defeat it completely and your thought life will become pure and holy. Once you get to this stage you will have learned to easily know the thoughts that come from God, and you will know God better, because He will have been helping you to police your thought life 24/7. The only errant thoughts you may have may come from the atmosphere around you and you will detect them immediately. But your carnal mind will have been crucified by this time and your thoughts will be quiet and peaceful.

This carnal mind was Paul's thorn in the flesh.

THE CARNAL MIND SENDS SATANIC MESSAGES

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Notice how the carnal mind is described as a "messenger of Satan" and that it buffeted Paul. It is a thought producer and it attacks us often. Today, after much practice and experience, we can have the carnal mind depart from us. We do not know if Paul succeeded, but we can succeed, by the power of the Holy Spirit. And in the process, we will learn to hear God's Voice clearly.

For the times we live in today, it is paramount that we can receive instruction from our Father God directly. He is a loving Father who desires to care for our every

need. It is also important that we can hear God's communication and speak it to others. We need to be certain that we are hearing God correctly, by allowing the Holy Spirit to give us discernment and guide us to confirmation. It is vitally important that you do not attempt to discern for yourself, according to say, your Bible knowledge or intelligence. No, you must allow the Holy Spirit to discern <u>for you</u>, so that you will not be deceived. Only God can protect you from being deceived, not yourself.

HOW THE FLESH IS THE CARNAL MIND

I want to explain more about the carnal mind which is called "the flesh" in the Bible. Sometimes in the New Testament when the Bible teaches on the flesh it is not talking about the human physical body. We can substitute the words carnal mind for the word flesh and see how it teaches about this evil thought producer.

<u>Rom 7:18</u> For I know that in me (that is, in my (carnal mind), dwelleth no good thing: for

to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom_7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the (carnal mind) the law of sin.

Rom_8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the (carnal mind), but after the Spirit.

Rom_8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the (carnal mind), but after the Spirit.

Rom_8:5 For they that are after the (carnal mind) do mind the things of the (carnal mind); but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom_8:8 So then they that are in the (carnal mind) cannot please God.

These are a few examples and the reason it says the flesh is because the carnal mind is attached to the body. When we are young children we have three minds. One is our own mind, another is the conscience, and

the third is the carnal mind. The conscience always guides us to truth, while the carnal mind always guides us to lies. For you older Americans you might remember the cartoon character Fred Flinstone who was depicted with a devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other. The carnal mind deceives us into committing sin which is living based on lies. The conscience is exactly like the Holy Spirit who guides us to live according to truths. This situation is why every person past the age of reason has committed at least one sin which soils his soul. Thus, we need Jesus to cleanse us. God has forgiven everyone because Jesus died (obeyed God) for everyone. All we have to do is accept Jesus as taking our place, and then God forgives all our sins and receives us back to Him.

THE CARNAL MIND IS THE ANTICHRIST IN US

I want to teach more about the carnal mind and why I called it the antichrist in us. First, let us see what the Bible says about the antichrist.

1Jn_2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Jn_2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1Jn_4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2Jn_1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

There were many antichrists 2000 years ago. An antichrist is a deceiver. We are all being attacked daily by the carnal mind which is like the antichrist spirit. The good news is that we can destroy the carnal mind in us. It is important that we take seriously the task of destroying the carnal mind in us. It can take over a person's whole life and deceive him into living based on its lies.

The power of the Holy Spirit in us is able to overcome the speaking of the carnal mind and stop it completely. This victory is what happened for me. One day the Holy Spirit just killed my carnal mind and my thoughts have been clear from it ever since; this is now for many years so I know that the process of watching your thoughts with the Holy Spirit's help, works.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

CHAPTER 7 - THE CARNAL MIND STRONG MAN

THE SOUL IS THE CENTER OF THE KINGDOM IN OUR BODIES

I found some supporting verses in the Bible to help us understand this business about the carnal-mind attached to our flesh.

The Bible does not indicate that Paul defeated his carnal mind but he did call it a messenger of Satan. Our carnal minds send messages to our minds in an attempt to destroy us. This next section is based on a message I posted to a forum in 2007 entitled: PAUL'S THORN IN THE FLESH - THE CARNAL MIND STRONG MAN

Mat 12:22 Then was brought unto him (Jesus) one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

Mat 12:23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

Mat 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

The next verses that I want to discuss are Jesus' responses in three different books of the bible to this accusation.

Mat 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

The kingdom in our bodies, is centered on our soul. If our soul is divided against our own self, then our soul will be brought to desolation. The FACT that we have this carnal-mind attacking our thoughts is the SOURCE of the division in the kingdom of our body, IF we listen to and obey it.

Mat 12:26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

So, and Christians please notice this, the carnal mind does not care if the person seeks any of the religions of this world; even Christianity. Satan will not cast out the carnal mind in you, obviously. As long as the carnal minds of people have polluted all the religions then there is no threat from man's religions that a person will DISCOVER the presence of the carnal mind that he has been listening to and obeying.

You can see right here that faith is not enough. Faith without works is dead. We must act on our faith to make our faith active. A person who believes that God exists, and desires to KNOW God, will seek to hear God's voice. Certainly, once a person has heard the Almighty God, he will want to learn from God and will choose of his own free will to obey God, as he is taught. None of man's religions HAS to have anything to do with this possibility or process. We do not have to join any organization or do any repeat after me's; we do not have to follow any of man's rules. And we automatically come to Christ and His shed blood for our sins.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

THE CHURCH WILL JUDGE ITS LEADERS

So, back to Jesus' response about casting out devils by the power of God.

Mat 12:27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.
Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

This is a hard one. I had to ask God for much help and explanation. These pharisees put themselves in charge of teaching the people of God the truth, so the

children in these verses are the church. Jesus is saying, if it WERE true that He casts out devils by Beelzebub, if that is what you Teachers believe and teach your children, then they must be casting out devils by Beelzebub too. Which means, that the REAL DEVILS are not being cast out at all! This is what many church leaders are doing; which is imparting devils to their followers. And their followers will be the judges of the leaders, when the followers find out that they have been deceived.

JESUS BINDS THE CARNAL MIND

And then Jesus says if you let Him cast out the devils, then the kingdom of God is born within you... however you STILL need the next verses to BREAK the power of the carnal mind attached to your flesh.

Mat 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first binds the strong man and then he will spoil his house.

Here, the strong man is the carnal mind. The house is your body. The goods are all the fruit you have been bearing in your soul - good or bad. So, the only way to spoil, or clear out the bad fruit you have accumulated from listening to your carnal mind, is to allow Jesus' power of God to bind the influence of the carnal mind over your thoughts.

JUST WHO IS IT THAT DOES THE SIN?

Another point here. Some Christians have debated with me and make it a point that they have, by faith, turned their personal will, over to Christ, in the POSITION that Christ's will is now their will. But I tell you now, you DO the will of whom you OBEY. Jesus does not Sin, true. So, whose will is it that is responsible for the sin that Christians still do? It has to be their own will. The carnal mind has no will because it is mind essence only and only uses thoughts. It is always, always the will of the person's soul that does anything, in a person. The whole

point is to be able to HEAR Christ's voice and CHOOSE to obey His suggestions as to what to do or how to evaluate a given situation. We are still the ones whose wills are responsible for what is thought and done and said.

Another thing to notice here, is that the strong man is BOUND - TIED UP, but he is not cast out. SO, in the context of Jesus discussing casting OUT EXTERNAL demons, He is also showing us that we have an internal strong man who calls OUR BODY, its HOUSE! And that we need to ask God to BIND this strong man. Can we see the fine difference?

This same incident is told in two other books in the bible, and I want to go over another one. Btw, I hope you realize that I just like to teach. (GRIN)

THE BODY IS THE CARNAL MIND'S PALACE

Luk 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Luk 11:21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

Luk 11:22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

This one is going to be deep. This carnal mind in us, is armed with all the thoughts he needs to keep us deceived, no matter what religions we join - as Dexter explained in another thread - this 'not me' mind knows how to circumvent every effort we make to block its influence. It is armed and thinks of our own body as its palace! And all its fruits of evil are right there to condemn our soul - because we listened and obeyed - spoke and acted on its leading. You see now, the advantage it has that we do not even know it is there within us.

BUT - when a STRONGER (hallelujah for Jesus!) power, of God, who is the only One who can overcome the carnal mind comes into your thought life, then God removes all the armor or disguises the carnal mind hides behind.

Let us talk about these disguises. How about high intellect? That is one of its disguises. The person says to himself, I am very smart. I can figure out what is what. Okay another one. How about religiosity, which makes the carnal mind disguised as a religious spirit. With this one, the person says, I know the Word of God, I know the truth, I have faith, I know my position in Christ is of Christ only and nothing that I can do. I'm all set, I am saved, and everyone else who wants to be saved HAS to be just like me and agree with me or else they are lost.

Here is another disguise. I am not worthy. I was born in a bad situation. I have bad genes. I am handicapped. I did bad things. I can never be good. I am not smart. I am no good. These are some of the carnal mind's disguises.

Luk 11:22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he

taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

LET GOD SORT YOUR GOODS

God, being the STRONGER, comes in and DIVIDES THE SPOILS. This is very very telling. Anything that is still GOOD of all the stuff your soul has accumulated is SAVED. Such as, all the truth you have learned, whether Christian, Muslim, New Age, Buddhist, etc. All the smart things you have learned can be saved. But all the self-condemnation is thrown out, and all the other tricks the carnal mind used on you, God will help you SORT and DIVIDE it out and off of you.... umm if you listen to God's voice and obey, learn from God, and let Him teach you Himself.

Luk 11:23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

Jesus warns that if you are not obeying God's voice, then you are against Him. For example, if a Christian who is disobedient to God's voice teaches other people to do the same (i.e. be a Christian the same way he is), then he is scattering people AWAY from God.

Luk 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

Luk 11:25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

Luk 11:26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

So, it looks here as though, if you are obeying God's voice, you will cast out devils out of people AND minister to the people in a sufficient manner that they will have the kingdom of God in their soul (they can now hear God's voice for themselves) and not be subject to demon possession ever again.

By contrast, if you are a Christian going about casting out devils according to YOUR will, using the power in the name of Jesus Christ, those persons might be in danger of being worse off in the long run than they were at the first. Such is what can happen at some church meetings, etc.

Jesus truly is Savior to all people and His obedience resulted in God making available the free gift of His Holy Spirit to empower us to resist the carnal mind and conform our will, in practice, to the perfect will that God planned for our lives and destiny. Our free will is then made Divine, by our choosing to obey God's ways on everything that we speak and do.

God's plan was/is perfect.

CHAPTER 8 – EXERCISE #2 GOD USES YOUR EYES

LET GOD SEE YOUR LIFE

The first exercise was watching your thoughts while asking the Holy Spirit to help you. The second exercise is believing that God sees your life through your own eyes and talk to Him constantly while you live. Both of these exercises are very easy. If you forget then just start over again.

I sometimes receive messages from God and then I post them on the message forum. The following is one I posted about being a witness for God.

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Father God Says, "Allow Me to see your world through your eyes"

I Am calling all of you, both saved and unsaved, to be witnesses in the Earth for Me. Take it upon yourselves to do this exercise with Me from now until the end of the age, which is fast approaching. Imagine, if you will, that I am looking at your life through your eyes. At every moment I see what you see.

I would like you to speak to Me constantly about what you see; for example, "Look at this God, the Irish Spring soap is on sale!" More importantly I want you to ask Me to bring justice, where you see injustice. When you hear of disasters in the news, then I want you to ask Me to help those people who are affected. From the least thing to the greatest concern that you have, I wish for you to believe that I see it through your eyes.

As you practice this exercise, in speaking to Me about all things you encounter, you will hear from Me. I will speak to you. You will feel My Presence, for I will touch you. You will detect My Glory because I will anoint you. As we view the world together, be ever thankful. I love it when you thank Me, even for the least little thing. Remember to remember Me throughout your day and I will shower My blessings upon you. I will help

you should you face any trial. Do not fear, only trust Me.

I will fill you with My Holy Spirit who will guide your life and lead you to all Truth. Whatever I am saying the Holy Spirit will reveal to you. The Holy Spirit will also help you with your thought life to keep your thoughts pure and your mind quiet.

Please practice all these things and I will be with you from now into forever. You will be calm and at peace when the world events become more tumultuous. You will have My Wisdom and Understanding. You will be my witnesses in the Earth, compelling Me to act on your behalf. You will also, on occasion, speak My words in decree and it shall be so. Work with Me My Children and together we will finish this age in a most Glorious Fashion. We will make memories together that we will share for Eternity.

Your Heavenly Father,

God

CHAPTER 9 – EXERCISE #3 NIGHTLY REVIEW

The last exercise is also easy. Each night before you go to sleep, think about everything that happened in your life that day. Talk to God about each important event. Take notice of the times that you believe God was helping you. Practice thanking God for all your blessings.

CHAPTER 10 – SUMMARY AND GUIDELINES

Please let us sum up what we have learned. We now know that Father God spoke to people in the past and especially to Abraham and to prophets. When the prophecies of God come true, like the birth of Jesus, then we know that the Holy Bible is a book that we can trust as sanctioned by God for our benefit.

We discovered that Faith and Obedience is what God desires from us. We must believe that God exists and then strive to obey His voice at all times. Thus, we build a close relationship with God. Did you know that Abraham is called a "friend" of God in the Bible? We too can become friends of God.

We know that because of our faith in Christ, we are also the seed of Abraham, and heirs to all the promises of God that He made in His covenant with Abraham. Christ, as the Word and Son of God was born on earth to show us how to live right and then He defeated death for us so that we obtain the promise of eternal life with God.

We were told to ask for the Holy Spirit to come in and dwell within us to guide us to all truth and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. We learned that God is a Person, a Holy Father, to us. And we now understand what it means to be born-again. We understand what sin is, which is basically trying to live our lives without God's advice and living a life based on the lies of the carnal mind. Also, being full of pride about yourself and not giving God credit is sinful. But, we can praise God, Jesus wipes away all our sin and the Holy Spirit helps us to live clean lives so that God can call us righteous in His sight.

I gave you a short biography about myself which is highlighted by the fact that I have been online for decades posting messages about God. I also described the ways that I hear God's voice and the methods that I use to translated His unctions into my own language. Try reading the message from God about seeing through your eyes, and while you reread it, instead of using your own voice in your mind, use a made-up voice that you would think that God sounds like. You will find that the message really does sound like God is speaking.

You have been given an assignment to practice all of the three easy exercises. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you watch your thought life. Imagine that God is watching your life through your eyes and talk to Him constantly. And every night, review the events of your day while talking to God about them.

Here are some things that you can say to help speed up the process of learning to hear the voice of God. Every day start by speaking to God and saying, "Dear God, please help me to hear your voice today." Throughout your day when anything good is happening, thank God and give Him credit.

While you are watching your thoughts, ask God often, "where did that thought come from?" "You God, me or the carnal mind?" Try not to make rules for yourself of what is right or wrong in your lifestyle. Instead allow God to convey to you what He says needs to be worked on in your life.

Once you discover for sure that you do have a carnal mind that has been speaking thoughts in your mind, be sure to ask the Holy Spirit to destroy your carnal mind. The timing will be perfected by God. Do not try to outwit the carnal mind yourself; you must

rely on the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit to win this war.

Be patient. Do not get discouraged if you have not heard from God for certain yet. He will orchestrate the most perfect timing for you to know that you can hear His voice. The nightly review is an optimum time to hear Him, so make sure you do the review every night.

A major key to improving the way we live is to <u>give God our desire for that change</u> and then allow God to do the work through us. In this fashion, we let God and ourselves know that we are weak and God gets all the glory for the work that He does in us and through us. We stay humble and do not fall into a trap of filling up with pride, and taking the full credit for the success.

Finally, now that you know that everyone is being attacked by their own carnal minds, you can now have more compassion and love for others. You can forgive them more easily because you realize it is their carnal minds tricking them into acting badly. Your love quotient will grow. And while you witness God helping you, you will fall in love with God; especially after you realize that God has been taking care of you all your life.

In your nightly reviews, also talk to God about your past and go over some memories with Him.

Well, that is it! I know that you will succeed in hearing God's voice for yourself. He will teach you and take care of you now and forever. In a way, these lessons are all about learning how we will live with God for eternity; knowing Him intimately and hearing Him completely.

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